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ALIEN-BAITER DONALD SHEA EXPOSED AS ACTIVE FASCIST

Immigration Statistics Misquoted by Mobilizers' Friend

As part of the current alien-baiting campaign waged in America by various reactionary groups, a leaflet entitled "Who Comes First, Alien or American?" is being distributed throughout the country. The text is couched in brief and rather effective sentences, calculated to arouse in Americans fear for their jobs, allegedly threatened by "undesired minorities" arriving from abroad. Figures of immigration, of resident aliens, of the unemployed, and of people on relief, as cited in the leaflet, are either spurious or half-true. Thus, for instance, the number of foreigners admitted into the United States for permanent residence in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, is given as 67,895. Actually, according to "Refugee Facts" published by American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, "for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, the year of the largest refugee immigration, there was a net immigration into this country for permanent residence of only 42,685," which figure "was only one-fifth that of 1929 and one-fifteenth that of 1924" (page 7). This shows that the anti-alien authors of the leaflet exaggerated the "menace" of immigration by more than 25,000 arrivals!

Donald Shea, the Bund, and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce

Who are the authors and distributors of the leaflet in question? The copy in The Hour's possession bears no signature or imprint except the rubber stamp reading, "D. Shea. Director. 2207 K St, N W. Wash D. C." The Hour learns that D. stands for Donald, and that the address, like many other previous addresses of Shea, is merely a rooming house, which Shea made his headquarters. At one time Donald Shea was head of the Propagation Department of the National Gentile League, whose purpose according to a legend on its letterhead was "to perpetuate the interests of the Gentile people."

In the summer of 1937, Donald Shea took part in exercises at Camp Siegfried, the camp of the Nazi Bund in Long Island, New York. He once wrote a letter, which was sent in an envelope of Geo. W. Christians, a Southern fascist, and dealt with the problems of the Protestant War Veterans, an organization controlled by members of the Bund. In

that letter Shea praised the organization and endorsed the Veterans' new chief, J. H. Collins, while attacking in no uncertain terms one Smythe, former head.

Recently Shea distributed a leaflet entitled "Appeal to Reason," put out by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Fifth Avenue, New York. The leaflet was a thinly disguised propaganda message of Nippon's imperialists to justify the war of aggression upon China and to stop Americans from boycotting Japanese goods. The many copies of this leaflet distributed by Shea bore the rubber stamp with his name and address (similar to the stamp on the alien-baiting leaflet).

Link with Christian Mobilizers

Late last year Donald Shea participated in several meetings of the Christian Mobilizers in New York. On November 21, at one such gathering, he asked for money to enable him to return to Washington. Occasionally he has distributed copies of the Congressional Record containing speeches of Jacob Thorkelson and Hamilton Fish.

Apparently imbued with ambitions for leadership, Shea also tried to do some public speaking, but with such little success that lately he seems to have given it up.

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SILVER SHIRTERS AND CHRISTIAN FRONTERS SCOLD ATTORNEY GENERAL

Criticism of Robert H. Jackson as Self-Defense Mechanism to Meet Charges Aimed at Their Acts

In connection with a request filed on April 1 by Representative Hook of Michigan with Attorney General Robert H. Jackson to investigate the circumstances of the action of the Federal grand jury in Washington in refusing to indict David Mayne for forging Pelley's letters, it is interesting to note that Pelley's Silver Shirt organ Liberation for March 14 attacked the Attorney General in an article entitled "The Record of Hon. Robt. H. Jackson." The attack is a reprint, with a brief preface by Liberation's editor, of a recent radio speech by J. Parnell Thomas, member of the Dies Committee, hostile to Mr. Jackson. In the speech the Attorney General was criticized for stopping action against the 16 persons arrested in Detroit and Milwaukee on charges of recruiting soldiers for Loyalist Spain. The speaker also declared that back in August, 1938, Mr. Robert H. Jackson endorsed a peace march in New York which was led by more than 200 veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Liberation reprints parts of Thomas' speech directed against Jackson as quite "relevant."

In Brooklyn, Christian Fronters, as part of their campaign in favor of John F. Cassidy and his chums now being tried on charges of plotting to overthrow the United States Government, adopted a systematic complaint against the dropping of charges involving the 16 pro-Loyalists. On February 28, at a meeting of the Queens County Committee Against Un-American Activities a resolution was adopted which (to quote the Cough-

linite Tablet for March 9) "called upon the president of the United States to enforce prosecution of the International Brigades to aid Red Spain, and to take the Attorney General to task for dropping the case against the 16 red agents indicted in Detroit." The subtitle of the Tablet news-story read: "Meeting Compares Their Treatment With 17 Arrested Here."

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URGES RESURRECTION OF AMERICAN NATIONALIST PARTY

Curtiss Calls for Renewal of Fascist Activity in New York

The passing away of the American Nationalist Party is lamented by Henry George Curtiss, fascist editor and publisher of Curtiss' Weekly American Bulletin, in Issue No. 4 of his mimeographed publication (March 19). He recalls that the A.N.P. started "in great shape in 1937, in New York," but suffered "a fadeout for a while," yet returned to life "in 1938 with fine meetings at Innisfail Hall, New York." He blames "Jewish pressure" for the loss of the hall to the Nationalists' use, but fondly recalls the subsequent success of their "fiery orators" at Tri-Boro Palace, Bronx, where on some occasions the attendance was as high as 1000 people. Many branches of the A.N.P. were established in the metropolitan area not only in New York but also in New Jersey, yet, alas, in the year 1940 "all that is changed ... no meetings are held, and rumors are flying thick and fast." Curtiss blames the alleged inactivity and the malicious rumors and squabbles within the organization on the new leaders of the Party.

Denies He is Leader -- Praises Stanley Smith

Curtiss denies a current report that elevates him to the post of the A.N.P.'s Fuehrer. He declares that he "has not been connected with the Party for some time," and urges the re-emergence of a former leader, Stanley Smith. He calls for "signs of life," "activity," and "action," concluding: "There is much work to be done, and all hands are needed in the nationalist movement around New York City."

The Hour learns that Henry George Curtiss is a graduate of Antioch College and works for an export house in New York. He founded his publication last February, proclaiming a "nationalist viewpoint" and filling the pages with praise for Thorkelson, McWilliams and the Nazis, and abuse of democracy, progressives and Jews. He frequents meetings of the Christian Mobilizers, sometimes mounting the stage to deliver anti-Semitic speeches. Typical of his anti-Semitic sallies is this item in No. 4 of the American Bulletin: "REFUGEES INVADE OHIO CAMPUS. Columbus, Ohio -- Four refugee students are attending the Ohio State University here... Board and room is donated by each of the Jewish fraternities on the campus... The Jews are getting thick around here..."

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MASONS AGAIN ATTACKED BY NAZIS

Anti-Masonic Propaganda Sent to United States

After a delay of several months, the two December issues of the English-language edition of the Nazi propaganda publication, World-Service (Frankfort-on-Main), reached recently its American subscribers. While most of the text is devoted to attacks on the Jews and "Jewish war-guilt," certain items are raging denunciations of Masons whose "crime" seems to consist of taking "the initiative in order to combine all energies of the Democracies to combat Fascism and help defending the republican institutions." With much indignation the Nazi propagandists quote this from a report by a Masonic lodge: "Freemasonry is the medium between all democratic powers and its aim is the destruction of Fascism."

From The Fascist, the London publication of British blackshirts the Frankfort-on-Main bulletin reprints the "shocking" news that 12 Anglican bishops are members of Masonic lodges, that 7 of them have reached the 30th degree, and that among the high clergy "exposed" as Masons are the Bishops of Liverpool, Lincoln and Guildford. (For our previous reference to the anti-Mason campaigns in Europe see The Hour of February 10, page 2.)

Old Century Article Once More Misused

The February 1 issue of the World-Service bulletin, reaching these shores simultaneously with the December issues, begins with a new attack on Mr. Marcus Eli Ravage. The old article which Mr. Ravage wrote for the Century magazine of January, 1928, is once more used by the Nazi propagandists to shock their readers with "Jewish Conspiracy."

In The Hour for December 16, 1939, we already stated that Mr. Ravage was instituting legal action against the anti-Semitic misusers of his writings, particularly against those Nazi and pro-Nazi individuals and organizations in this country which distributed the Reich-published attacks on him.

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ACE NAZI PROPAGANDIST ARRIVES FROM JAPAN

A recent arrival in the United States enroute from Japan is the new German Commercial Attache to Washington, a certain Herr Westrich, who is at present, staying at the Hotel Plaza in New York. Herr Westrich is considered by the Nazis to be one of their ace propagandists. They hope to use his abilities to offset the work of the many Allied spokesmen now touring this country. Westrich, who just finished negotiating a commercial agreement with Japan, also happens to be the German representative at a well-known New York firm practising international law. The new Nazi commercial attache gained part of his knowledge of American affairs from long association with Dr. Albert, German diplomat of World War fame. Dr. Albert "lost" a briefcase during World War I. This portfolio contained the incriminating documents which resulted in the dismissal from the United States of another leading Imperial German envoy -- Franz von Papen. The latter -- one of Ribbentrop's best -- has managed to remain in the German diplomatic service while Germany's government changed hands three times.

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Through the Hourglass

MICHAEL SAYERS

NOTE:

The weekly column by Mr. Sayers failing to meet the press deadline, this space is devoted to regular news material of The Hour. Mr. Sayers' column will be resumed in the next issue.

KLAN PREPARES TO TAKE PART IN 1940 ELECTIONS

Will Canvass Congressmen on "Pro-Americanism"
-Anti-Catholic Agitation in Presidential Race

Ready to take an active part in the presidential and congressional elections of 1940, the Ku Klux Klan is laying plans to put members of Congress "on the spot" with regard to their attitude to the Klan. In its March issue, Fiery Cross, official publication of the hood-and-gown night-riders, reveals: "In answer to a question from a newspaperman at Cincinnati Mr. Colescott said the Klan will canvass Congress to learn the stand its members take on the pro-Americanism program before the next election." Presumably, the Klan will try to blacklist those congressmen and new candidates who will be bold enough to disagree with the Klan's "pro-Americanism" consisting of anti-Catholic, anti-Negro, anti-Jewish and anti-labor terrorism. On the other hand, it will support those legislators and would-be legislators who will agree with the tar-and-feather program of the Klan.

Attention Centered on Midwest and Northeast

"Ohio is shown to be one of the strongest realms in the Invisible Empire," boasts James A. Colescott, the former horse-doctor who is now Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan. However, there is room for improvement, he feels, and said improvement is to be achieved not later than this spring. Fiery Cross reports that on his recent trip through Ohio, Indiana and other Midwestern states, Colescott laid plans "for a mighty membership drive with the opening of spring and the coming of warmer weather when Klans-people will be better able to attend outdoor demonstrations."

A whole flock of Klan organizers, trained in Florida and Georgia during the past winter, will be loosed by the Wizard upon the Midwestern and Northeastern states. In the Northeast, the State of New Jersey is singled out for the Klan's especial attention. The nightgown "knights" did not at all like the action of such local officials as Mayor Lowden, of Roselle, N. J., who recently announced that he would not allow a Klan organization in his town. Colescott's threat to the people of New Jersey is, "The Klan is already there and will be there after you are gone. Mayors come and mayors go, but the Ku Klux Klan marches on."

Klan Threatens Catholic Church

Colescott openly threatens the Catholic Church by declaring that "one of the greatest and gravest wars in the history of our country" is once more being waged "between the American people and the Roman Catholic hierarchy." He thunders against "the jealous old Vatican," he revives the Klan's charge of 1928 that Alfred E. Smith "proposed to march boldly into the White House and take his seat in the name of the Holy See," and says that in 1940 two other Catholics are being groomed to "capture the White House by way of the back door" -- for Farley and Murphy are being mentioned as possible candidates for vice-presidency. Colescott unfolds what he says is "the second drive the Catholic Church has launched against America" -- to have Hull, Garner or some other old man become president; "then, upon his death, a Catholic will take over and deliver the government to the Pope."

With such fantastic charges directed against the Catholic Church as the main stock in trade, the Klan is preparing to enter the 1940 campaign in great earnest and with cocksure faith in its eventual success.

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